

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 1875, with transcript

Letter from Miss Mabel G. Hubbard to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Cambridge, Friday, (Dec. 1875?) My dear Alec:

Your postal card has just arrived, and for it and the important information it contained accept my profound acknowledgements.

By this time you must be far on your way to Brantford, I wonder if you are anywhere near Niagara Falls now. I wish you would tell me how they look in winter time, I have seen marvellous pictures of them all frozen into immense icicles which I can hardly believe. O dear I am entirely forgetting how to spell, in this last sentence I have had to ask how every other word was written. Do you see the two z's in "frozen"- you will have to give me spelling lessons as well as music,

I hope you are having a comfortable ride and have found some nice acquaintance among your fellow travellers, it must be dreadful to travel such a long way all alone.

I can hardly realize that you are so far away from me, it seems as if you must be coming here this evening to help us enjoy our Christmas presents, I am sure I don't know how I can ever wait until you come back before showing you the little things they have given you. I want to give Mrs. Barnard something for Christmas but we have been so busy all day getting ready for tomorrow, when Uncle Eustis and Carrie and Cousin Sam's family are coming to dinner, that I have had no time. Poor Mamma too is utterly tired out and as pale as a lily. Just now she is laughing at your postal card and "that man of yours." My dear Alec what shall I do without you these long days, I am sure I don't know, but it will help me to appreciate better how hard it must be for your mother to have 2 to give you up for so long. Stay with her just as long as ever you can and then hurry back to

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Your loving, Mabel. Please give your father and mother my love.